DOUBLEDUCK
Regali di Natale
SECONDO EPISODIO
IN THE PREVIOUS PART:
AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR, ABEL KONNERY COMES TO DUCKBURG WITH BAD NEWS: HIS DAUGHTER KAY K HAS DISAPPEARED! SHE WAS INVESTIGATING YET ANOTHER WRONGDOING BY THE ORGANIZATION, IN LEAGUE WITH A SWISS BANK! DISOBEYING THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY, WHO ORDERS HIM TO NOT INTERFERE, DOUBLEDUCK LEAVES WITH ABEL TO GENEVA TO SEARCH FOR HIS COLLEAGUE, AND FRIEND...
NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTE, DECEMBER 20.
Walt Disney
KAY K'S NEVER TALKED ABOUT HER MOTHER! WHAT'S SHE LIKE?
SHE'S A TOUGH ONE! SHE GRADUATED AT HARVARD, SPEAKS FIVE LANGUAGES AND USES THEM ALL TO BICKER WITH ME!
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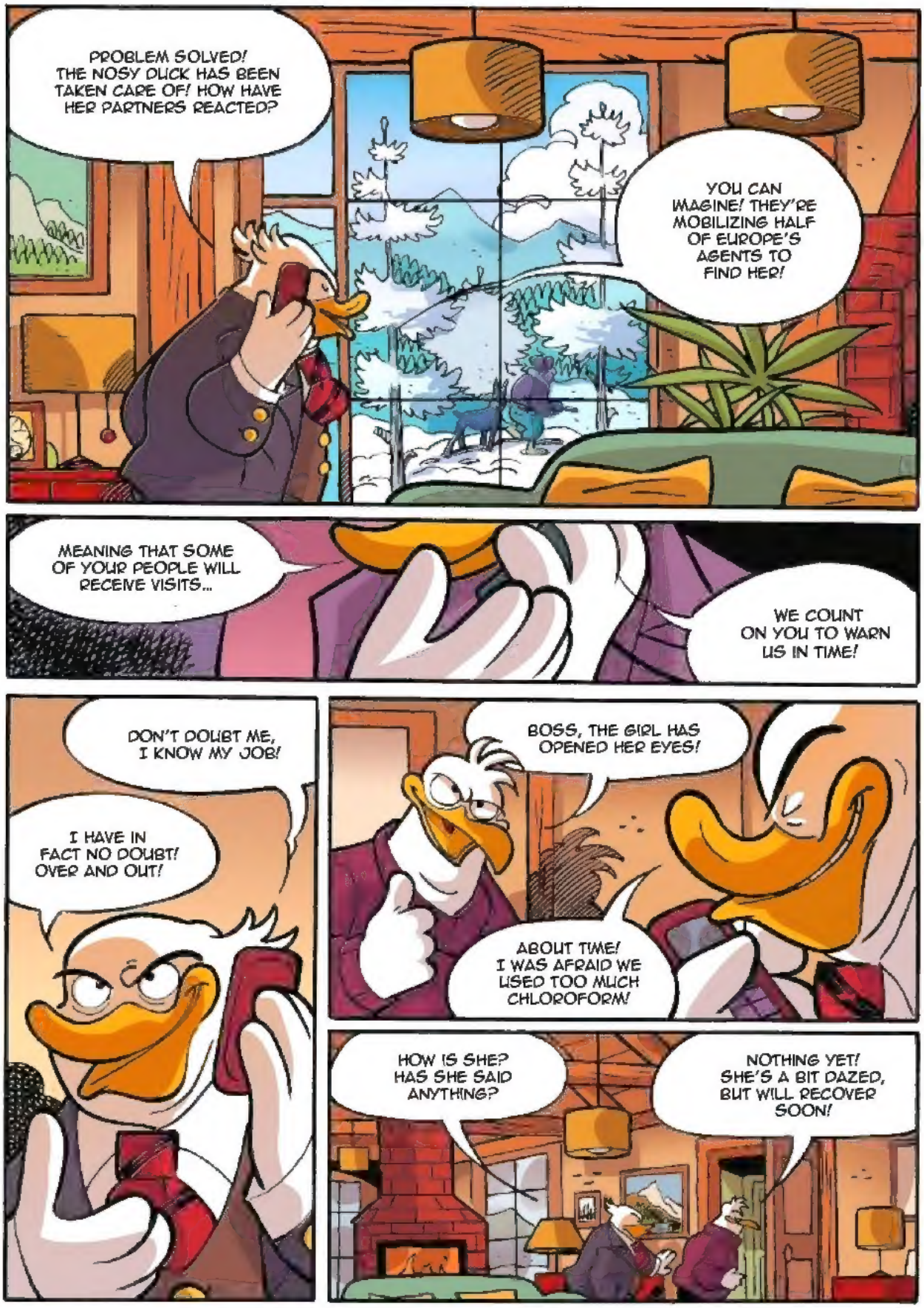
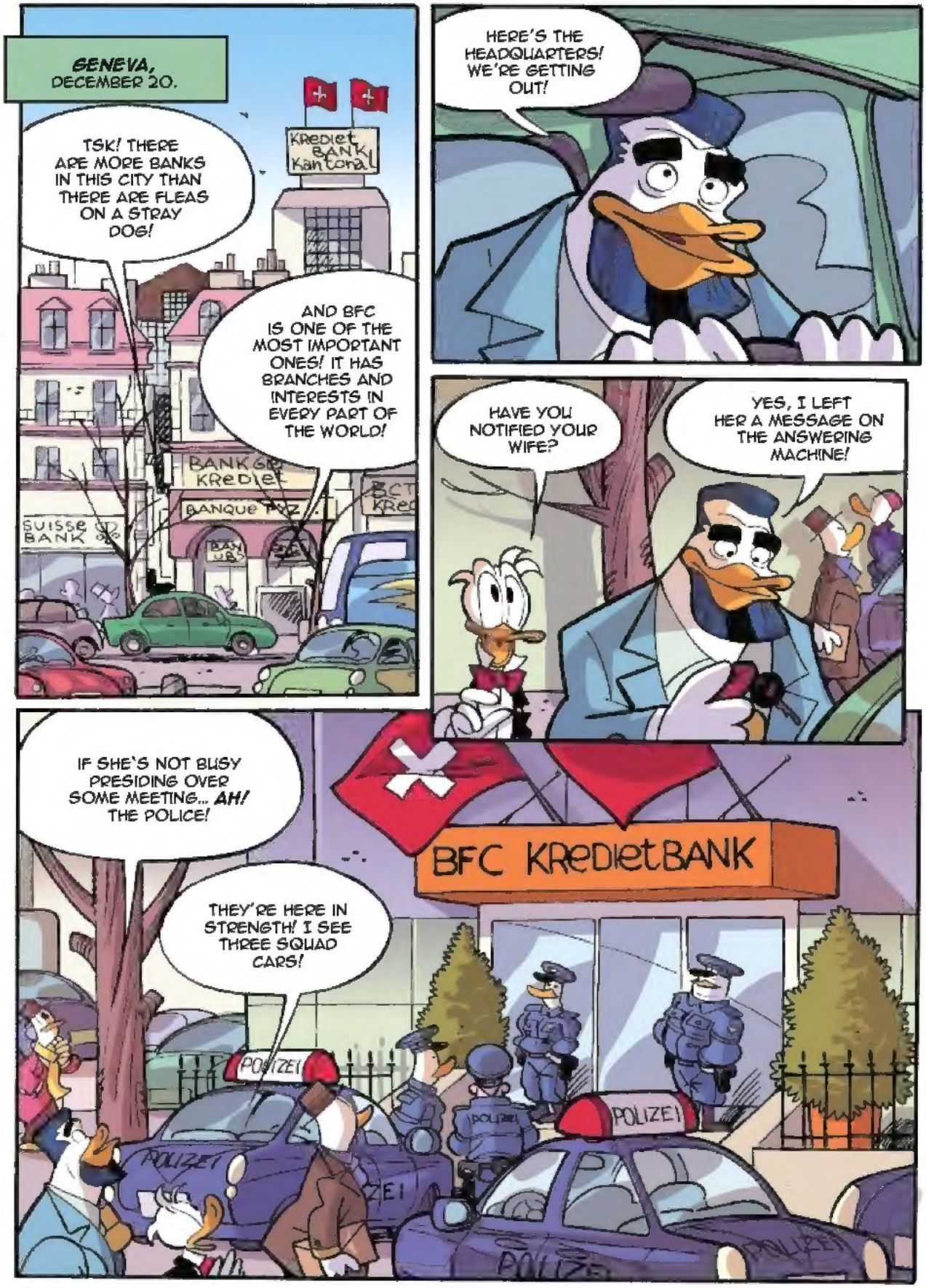
DOES SHE ALSO KNOW YOU'RE A...
... THIEF? NOOO, SHE THINKS I'M A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN!
MOREOVER, WE LEAD DIFFERENT LIVES! SHE'S VERY OCCUPIED WITH WORK...
AND YOU'RE BUSY AVOIDING THAT YOU'RE CAUGHT!
BUT, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT... IF SHE'S VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK, KAY K MUST HAVE INFORMED HER OF HER INVESTIGATION!
THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE TOO! THUS IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE IMMEDIATELY SPEAK TO JOSEPHINE!
YOU THINK SHE'S AWARE OF YOUR DAUGHTER'S DISAPPEARANCE?
CERTAINLY NOT! OTHERWISE SHE WOULD HAVE LET ME KNOW!
BUT KNOWING WHAT'S BEEN REVEALED REGARDING THE AFFAIRS OF BFC COULD BE USEFUL FOR FINDING HER!

VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN,
DECEMBER 17.


PROBLEM SOLVED! THE NOSY DUCK HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF! HOW HAVE HER PARTNERS REACTED?
YOU CAN IMAGINE! THEY'RE MOBILIZING HALF OF EUROPE'S AGENTS TO FIND HER!
MEANING THAT SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE VISITS...
WE COUNT ON YOU TO WARN US IN TIME!
DON'T DOUBT ME, I KNOW MY JOB!
I HAVE IN FACT NO DOUBT! OVER AND OUT!
BOSS, THE GIRL HAS OPENED HER EYES!
ABOUT TIME! I WAS AFRAID WE USED TOO MUCH CHLOROFORM!
HOW IS SHE? HAS SHE SAID ANYTHING?
NOTHING YET! SHE'S A BIT DAZED, BUT WILL RECOVER SOON!

GOOD! TELL JURGEN TO BRING HER SOMETHING TO EAT!
ROGER THAT!
OPEN THE DOOR!
CLACK
GOOD MORNING, KAY K! I'M PLEASED TO SEE YOU'VE COME BACK FROM DREAMLAND!
AND I'M DISPLEASED TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN, RODNA!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME, OTHER THAN THE NAME I BEAR?
WHAT I NEED TO KNOW! YOU'RE A HONCHO IN THE ORGANIZATION AND A BIG SCOUNDREL!
RIGHTO! THESE TWO CHARACTERISTICS PERFECTLY SUMMARIZE ME...
AND YOU'LL EXPERIENCE THE SECOND, UNLESS YOU DEMONSTRATE SUFFICIENT COOPERATION!
WHY NOT? ASK ME TO COOPERATE IN THROWING YOU OFF A BRIDGE AND I'LL GLADLY DO IT!
I LOVE BREAKING THOSE WHO DON'T BEND! SEE YOU SOON, SUNSHINE!
SLAM


GENEVA, DECEMBER 20.
TSK! THERE ARE MORE BANKS IN THIS CITY THAN THERE ARE FLEAS ON A STRAY DOG!
AND BFC IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES! IT HAS BRANCHES AND INTERESTS IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD!
KREDIET BANK Kantoral
BANK GB KREDIET
BANQUE FYZ
SUISSE BANK
HERE'S THE HEADQUARTERS! WE'RE GETTING OUT!
HAVE YOU NOTIFIED YOUR WIFE?
YES, I LEFT HER A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE!
IF SHE'S NOT BUSY PRESIDING OVER SOME MEETING... AH! THE POLICE!
THEY'RE HERE IN STRENGTH! I SEE THREE SQUAD CARS!
BFC KREDIETBANK
POLIZEI

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
IT CERTAINLY CAN'T BE A ROBBERY! THERE ARE ONLY OFFICES IN THE BUILDING!
WE'D BEST USE ANOTHER ENTRANCE... GASP!
DO NOT APPROACH!
BUT THAT'S MY WIFE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JOSEPHINE?!
BACK AWAY! STAND BACK!
HOLD IT, YOU!
WE'RE CARRYING OUT A MANDATE! MRS. LAGARDERE IS UNDER ARREST!
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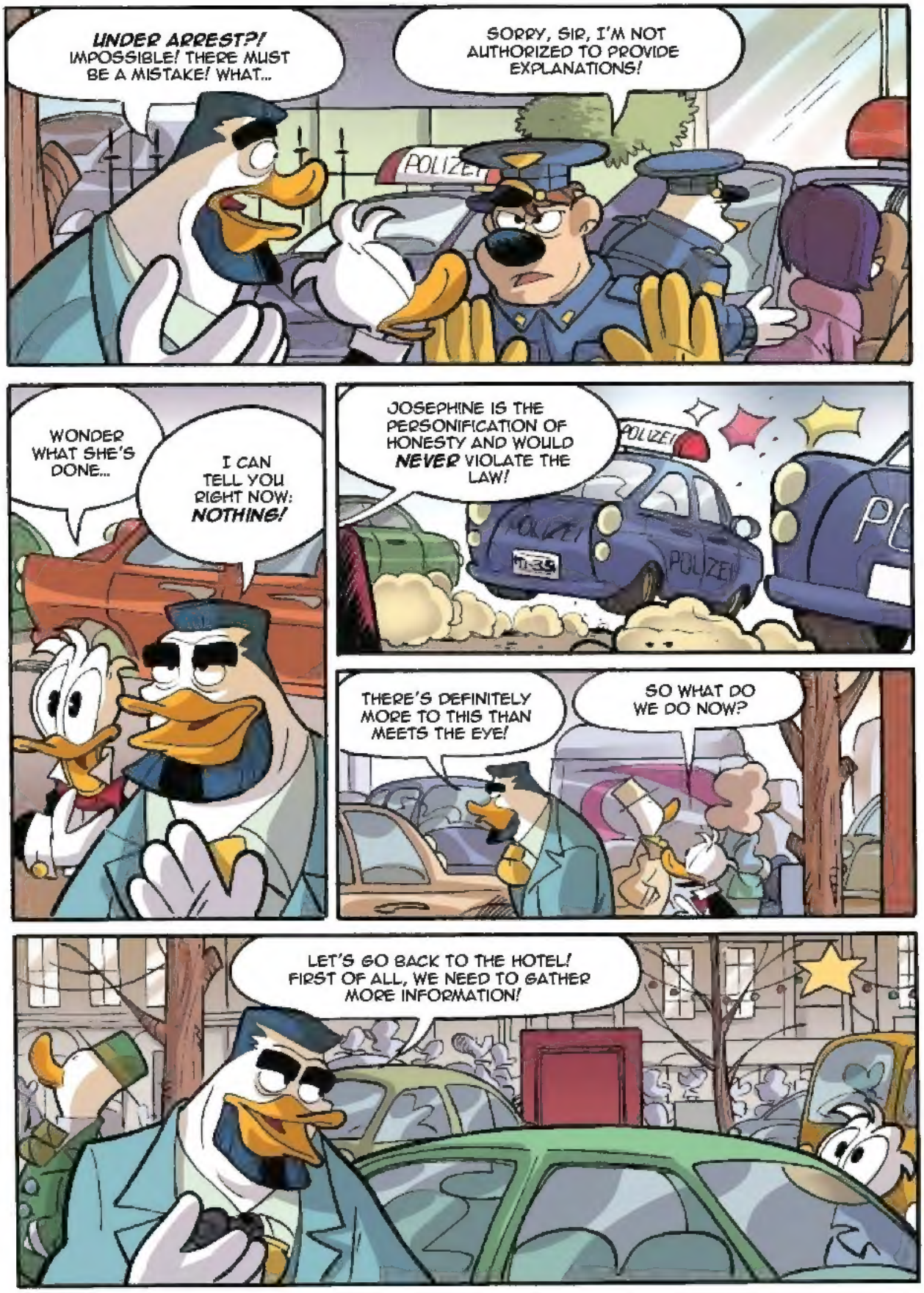
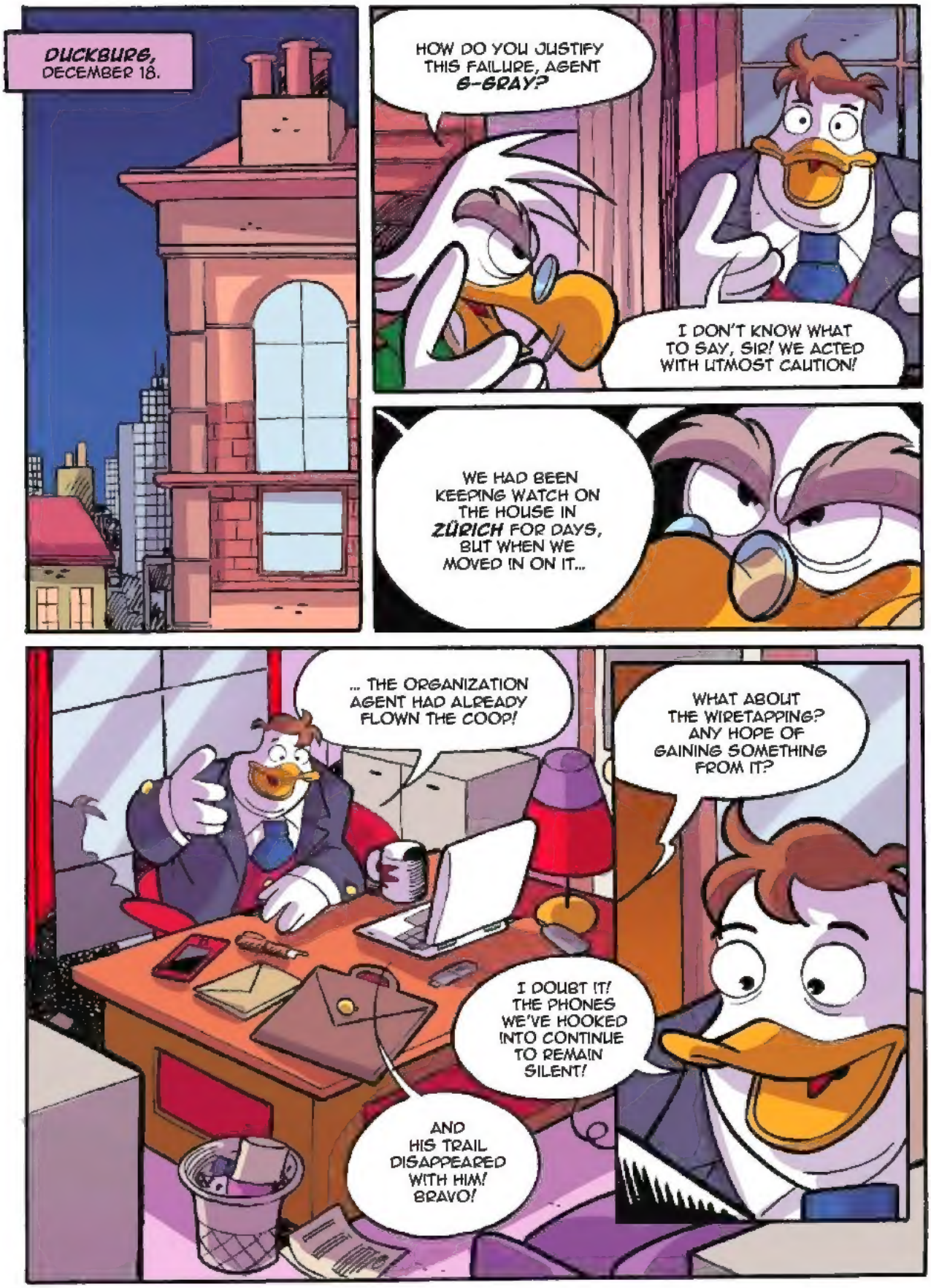
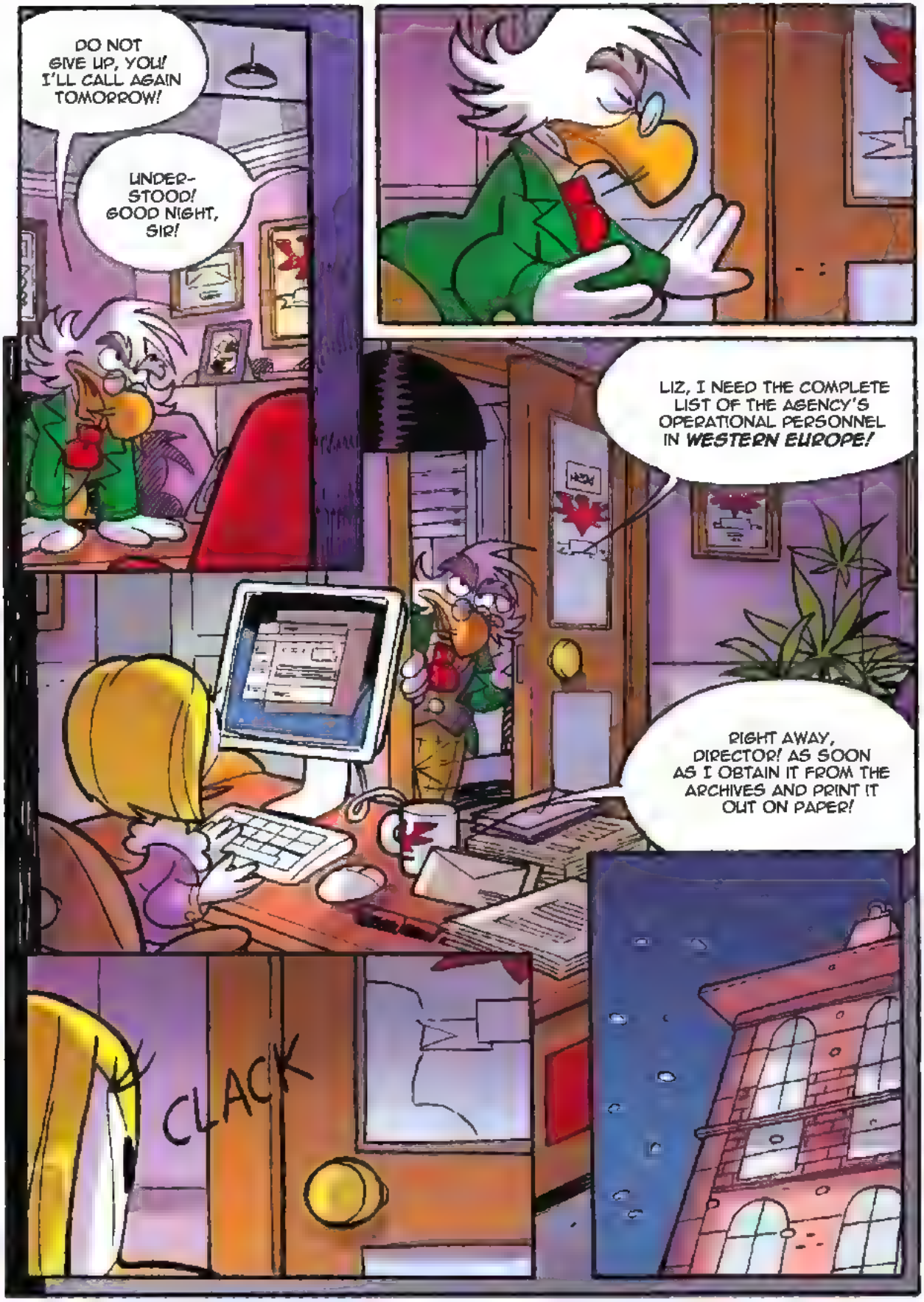
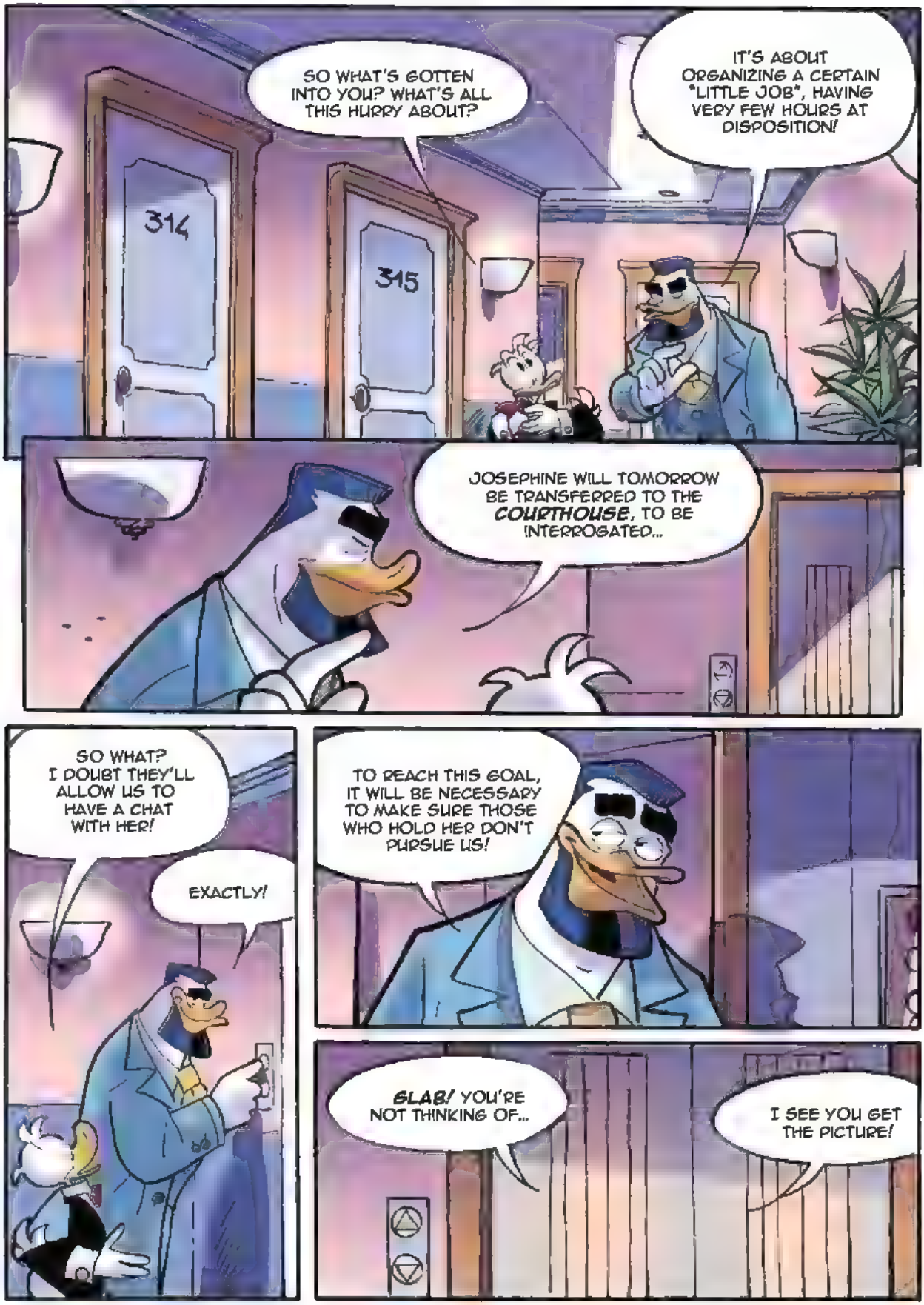

UNDER ARREST?! IMPOSSIBLE! THERE MUST BE A MISTAKE! WHAT...
SORRY, SIR, I'M NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE EXPLANATIONS!
POLIZEI
WONDER WHAT SHE'S DONE...
I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW: NOTHING!
JOSEPHINE IS THE PERSONIFICATION OF HONESTY AND WOULD NEVER VIOLATE THE LAW!
POLIZEI
THERE'S DEFINITELY MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE!
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
LET'S GO BACK TO THE HOTEL! FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION!


DUCKBURG, DECEMBER 18.
HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THIS FAILURE, AGENT G-GRAY?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, SIR! WE ACTED WITH UTMOST CAUTION!
WE HAD BEEN KEEPING WATCH ON THE HOUSE IN ZÜRICH FOR DAYS, BUT WHEN WE MOVED IN ON IT...
... THE ORGANIZATION AGENT HAD ALREADY FLOWN THE COOP!
WHAT ABOUT THE WIRETAPPING? ANY HOPE OF GAINING SOMETHING FROM IT?
I DOUBT IT! THE PHONES WE'VE HOOKED INTO CONTINUE TO REMAIN SILENT!
AND HIS TRAIL DISAPPEARED WITH HIM! BRAVO!


DO NOT GIVE UP, YOU! I'LL CALL AGAIN TOMORROW!
UNDER-STOOD! GOOD NIGHT, SIR!
LIZ, I NEED THE COMPLETE LIST OF THE AGENCY'S OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL IN *WESTERN EUROPE!*
RIGHT AWAY, DIRECTOR! AS SOON AS I OBTAIN IT FROM THE ARCHIVES AND PRINT IT OUT ON PAPER!
CLACK

Hotel Royale
SORRY I LEFT WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE, DAISY, BUT I WAS SUDDENLY CALLED IN AND...
IT'S OKAY, DEAR! I UNDERSTAND YOU HAD NO OTHER CHOICE!
I'M JEALOUS, THOUGH! YOU'RE IN THE WARMTH OF HAWAII AND WE'RE HAVING OUR TEETH CHATTER!
YEAH, IT MUST BE T-TWENTY-FIVE DEGREES HERE IN HONOLULU!
HOW'S WORK? WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SORT THINGS OUT BY THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?
I'M UNFORTUNATELY STILL ON THE HIGH SEAS! I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
WE'LL TALK LATER, THEN! REMEMBER NOT TO GET SUNBURNT!
?!
RELAX, I'LL BE SURE TO AVOID IT! SEE YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? DO YOU WANT TO BECOME DEEP-FROZEN?
BRRR! I WAS CALLING DUCKBURG AND GIZMO'S SATELLITE PHONE ONLY GETS SIGNAL OUTDOORS!

I GONNA HAVE TO REPORT THE DEFECT! HOW'S IT GOING WITH YOU?
I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE LAWYER! JOSEPHINE IS ACCUSED...
... OF A HALF-DOZEN CRIMES!
THEFT, FALSE ACCOUNTING, TAX FRAUD... SHE'S RISKING AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IN JAIL!
AND THERE'S NO WAY TO GET CLOSE TO HER! THEY HAVE HER IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, WITH ABSOLUTE BAN ON RECEIVING VISITORS!
BUT WE MUST TALK TO HER! FROM WHAT WE KNOW, KAY K'S LIFE MAY DEPEND ON IT!
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE'S...
WAIT, WAIT! UPON REFLECTION, THERE IS A WAY!
GET DRESSED! WE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW!
OOOF...
FLOP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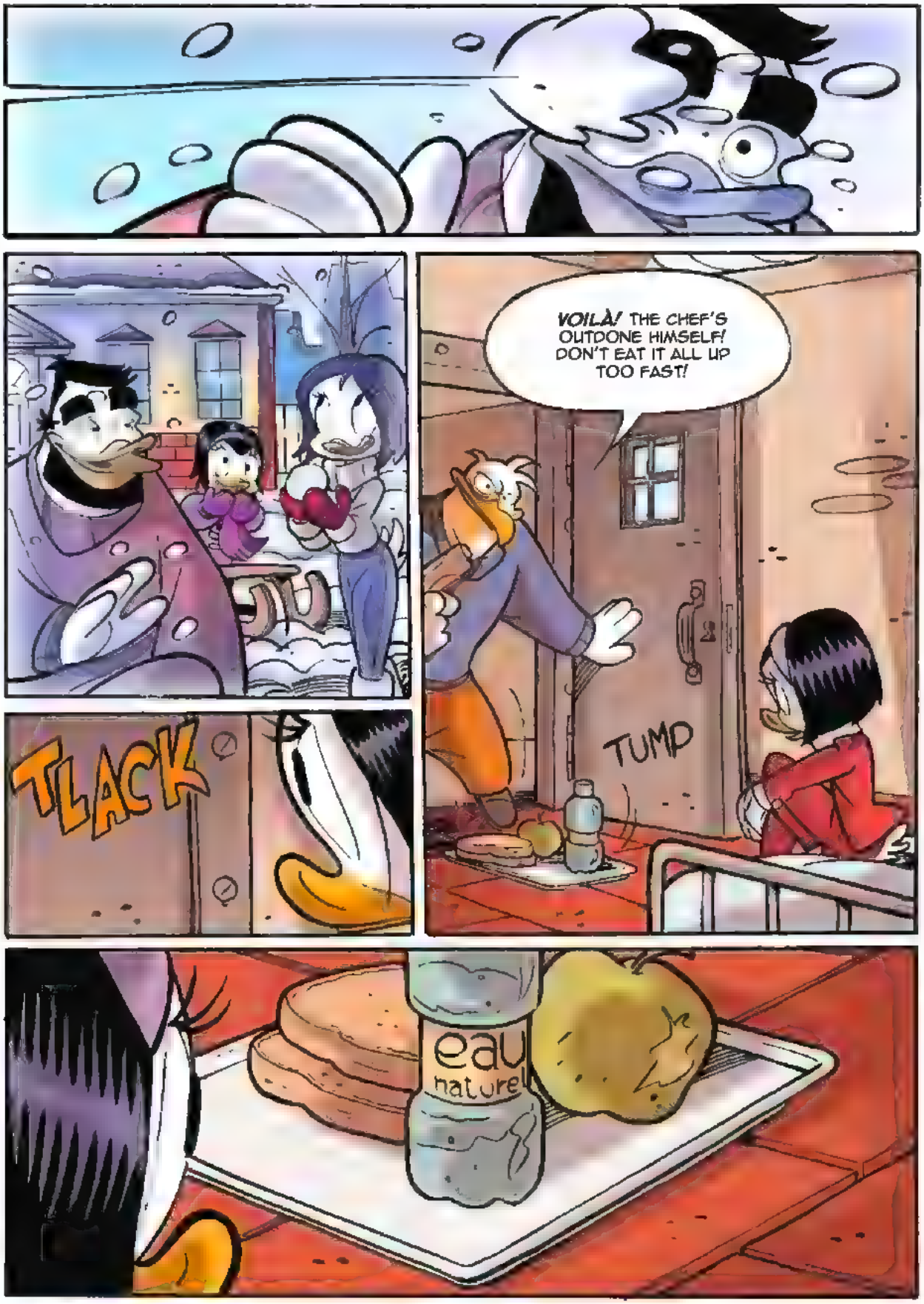
SO WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? WHAT'S ALL THIS HURRY ABOUT?
IT'S ABOUT ORGANIZING A CERTAIN "LITTLE JOB", HAVING VERY FEW HOURS AT DISPOSITION!
JOSEPHINE WILL TOMORROW BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COURTHOUSE, TO BE INTERROGATED...
SO WHAT? I DOUBT THEY'LL ALLOW US TO HAVE A CHAT WITH HER!
EXACTLY!
TO REACH THIS GOAL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THOSE WHO HOLD HER DON'T PURSUE US!
GLAB! YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF...
I SEE YOU GET THE PICTURE!

VADUZ,
DECEMBER 19.


VOILÀ! THE CHEF'S OUTDONE HIMSELF! DON'T EAT IT ALL UP TOO FAST!
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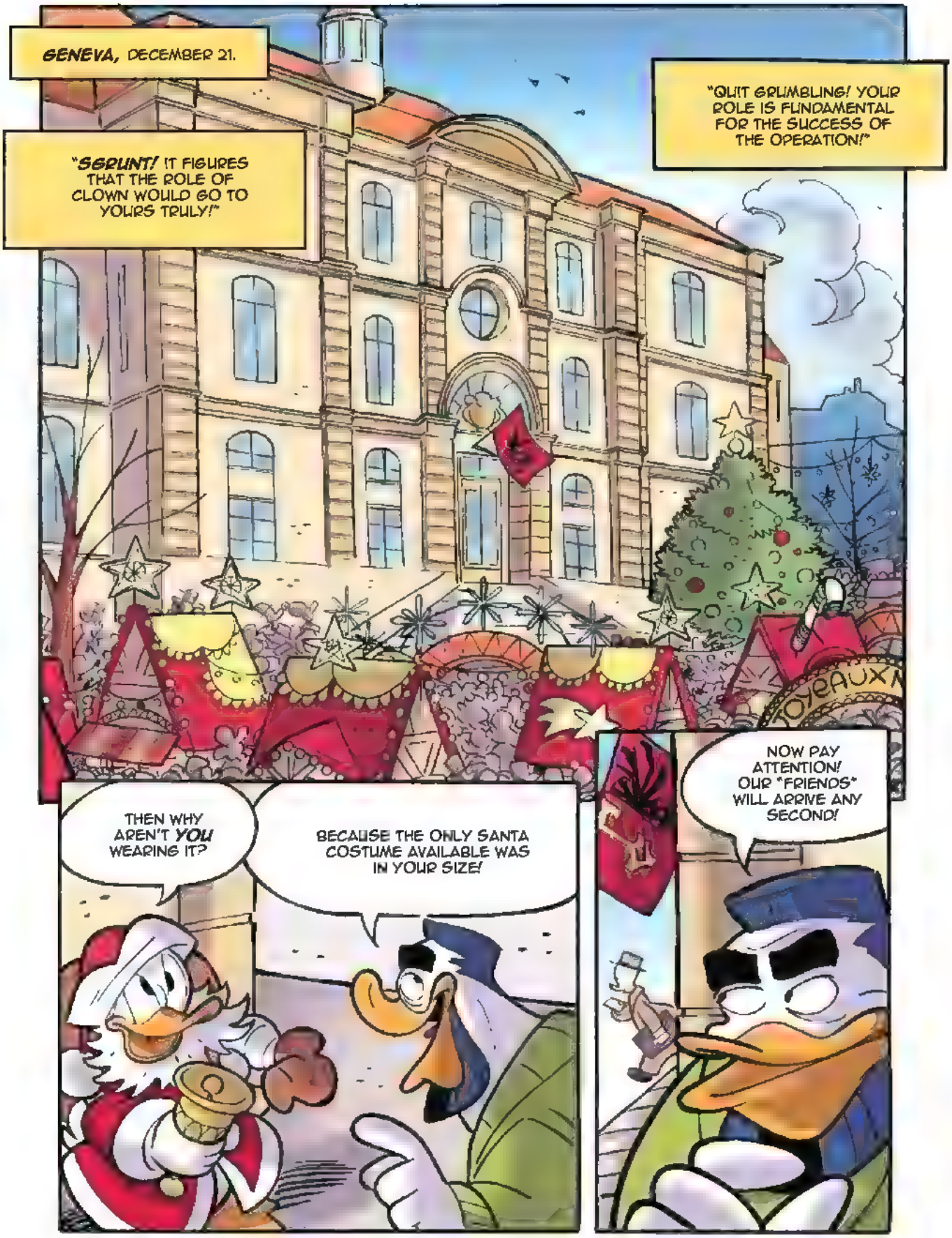
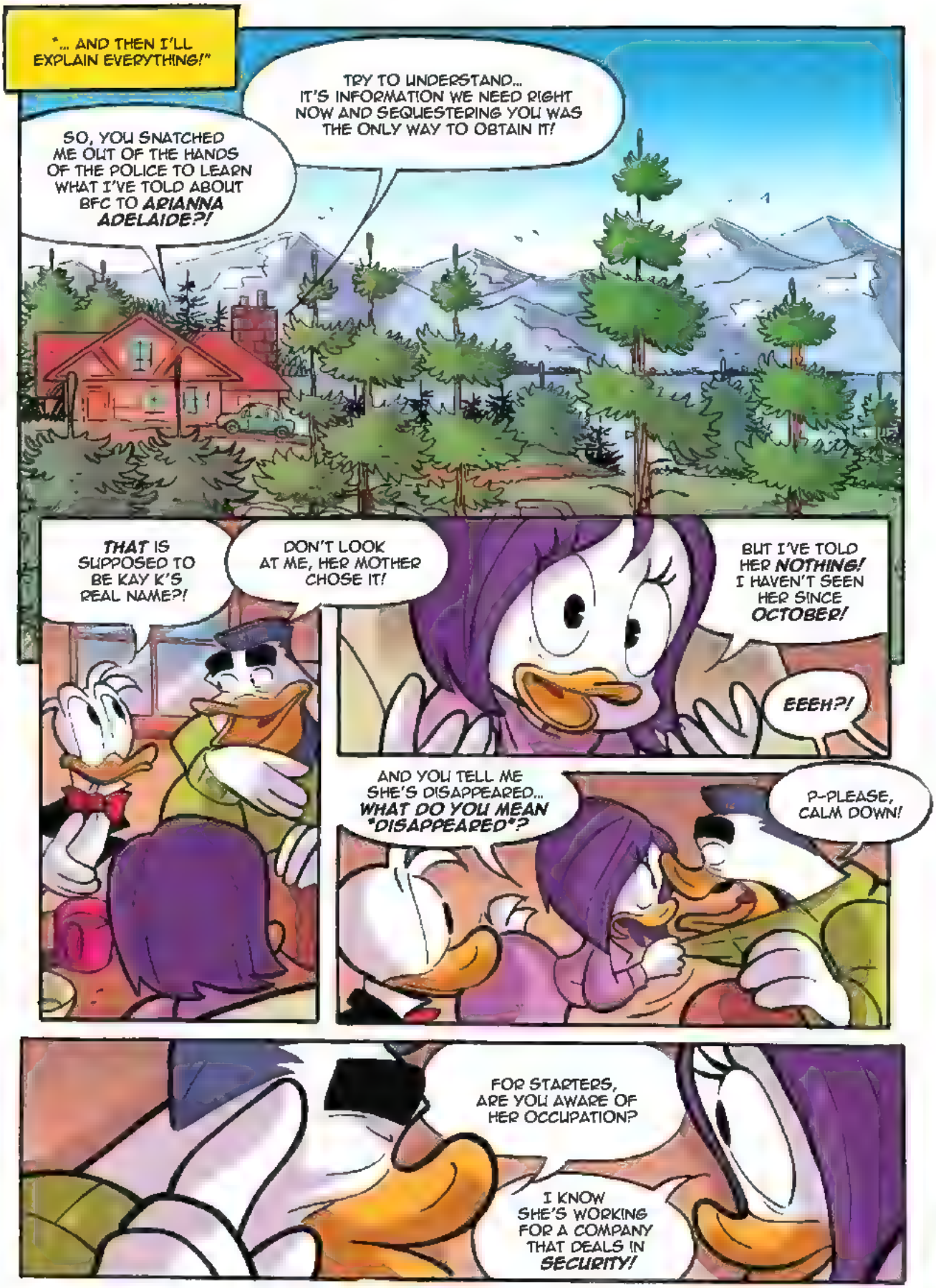

GENEVA, DECEMBER 21.
"SGRUNT! IT FIGURES THAT THE ROLE OF CLOWN WOULD GO TO YOURS TRULY!"
"QUIT GRUMBLING! YOUR ROLE IS FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION!"
NOYEAUX
THEN WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING IT?
BECAUSE THE ONLY SANTA COSTUME AVAILABLE WAS IN YOUR SIZE!
NOW PAY ATTENTION! OUR "FRIENDS" WILL ARRIVE ANY SECOND!

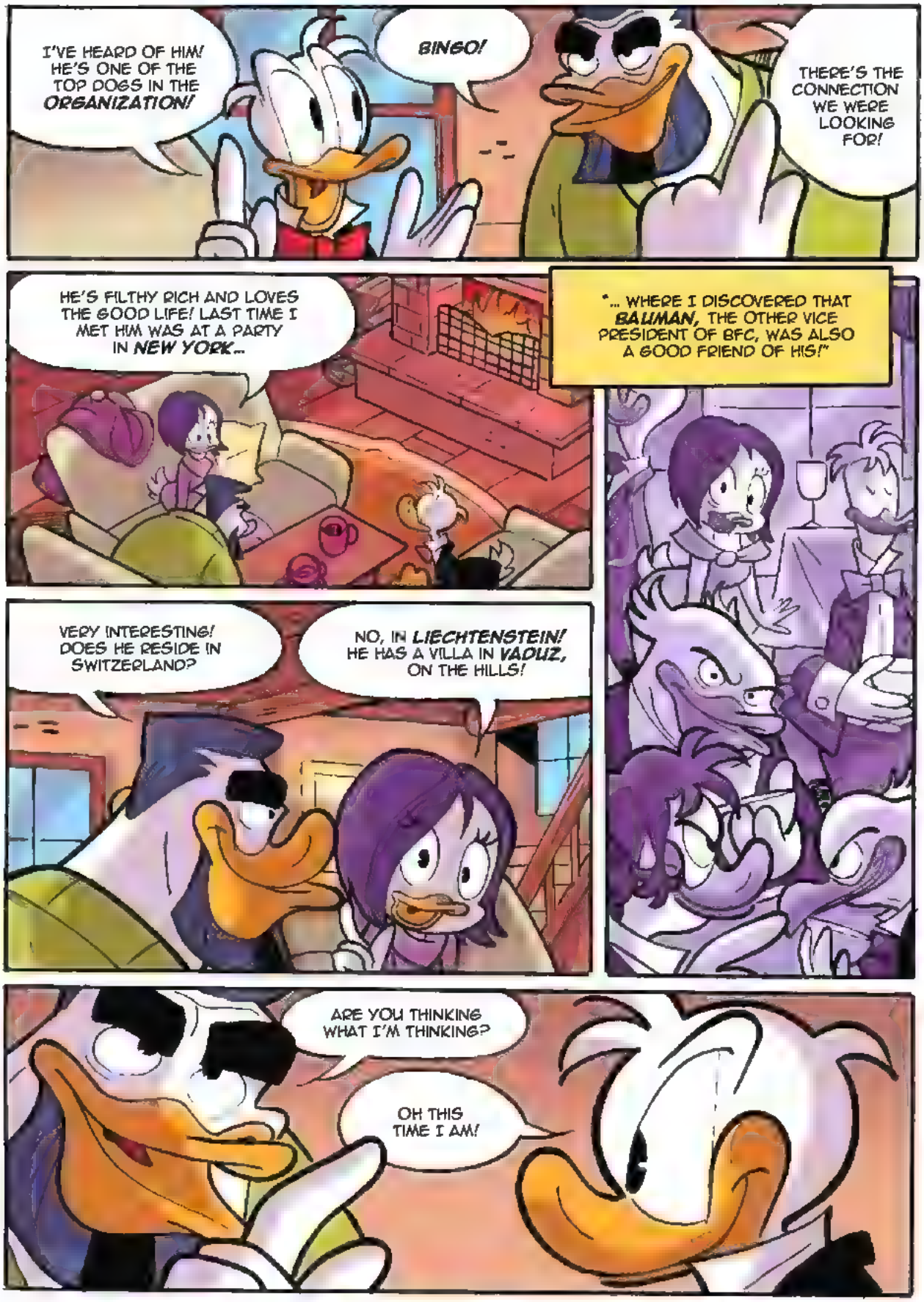
THERE THEY ARE!
IT'S UP TO YOU! STEADY YOUR NERVES!
GLOM! I'LL DO MY BEST!
HO HO HOOO! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!
POLIZEI
DLAN
DLAN
SHOVE OFF, FUNNY GUY! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY!
POLIZEI
GASP! THIS IS TEAR GAS!
ARGH! MY EYES ARE BURNING!
HEY! WHAT...
FSSSSS

HELP... COUGH...
PUT THIS ON, QUICK!
ABEL?!
NIGHTY NIGHT!
KLONG
WAIT, I DON'T...
BE QUIET AND RUN!

HERE I AM.. PANT! I THINK I JUST BEAT THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE 400 METERS DASH!
GET IN, QUICK! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
ABEL, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
NOW'S NOT THE TIME, JO!
VROOM
FIRST WE'LL GET TO A QUIET PLACE...


"... AND THEN I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!"
SO, YOU SNATCHED ME OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE POLICE TO LEARN WHAT I'VE TOLD ABOUT BFC TO ARIANNA ADELAIDE?!
TRY TO UNDERSTAND... IT'S INFORMATION WE NEED RIGHT NOW AND SEQUESTERING YOU WAS THE ONLY WAY TO OBTAIN IT!
THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE KAY K'S REAL NAME?!
DON'T LOOK AT ME, HER MOTHER CHOSE IT!
BUT I'VE TOLD HER NOTHING! I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE OCTOBER!
EEEH?!
AND YOU TELL ME SHE'S DISAPPEARED... WHAT DO YOU MEAN "DISAPPEARED"?
P-PLEASE, CALM DOWN!
FOR STARTERS, ARE YOU AWARE OF HER OCCUPATION?
I KNOW SHE'S WORKING FOR A COMPANY THAT DEALS IN SECURITY!

EXACTLY! DOUBLEDUCK IS ALSO PART OF IT!
AND KAY... THAT IS, ARIANNA ADELAIDE WAS INVESTIGATING YOUR BANK'S DIRTY BUSINESS!
HOLD ON! YOU MUST BE TALKING ABOUT THAT... AWFUL MAN!
HUH? ABOUT WHO?
HANS MULLER, PRESIDENT OF BFC! I'M CERTAIN HE'S BEHIND THE CONSPIRACY TO FRAME ME!
BUT TO WHAT END?
TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY! I'VE SUSPECTED FOR SOME TIME THAT HE'S INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL OPERATIONS...
... AND HE KNOWS THAT IF I FOUND OUT, I WOULDN'T HESITATE TO DENOUNCE HIM!
SO, THE WISE GUY THOUGHT TO NEUTRALIZE YOU BEFORE THAT HAPPENED!
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE US ON THESE OPERATIONS?
I CAN GIVE YOU A NAME: FERENC RODNA! MULLER HAS...
"RODNA"?!


I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HE'S ONE OF THE TOP DOGS IN THE ORGANIZATION!
BINGO!
THERE'S THE CONNECTION WE WERE LOOKING FOR!
HE'S FILTHY RICH AND LOVES THE GOOD LIFE! LAST TIME I MET HIM WAS AT A PARTY IN NEW YORK...
"... WHERE I DISCOVERED THAT BALIMAN, THE OTHER VICE PRESIDENT OF BFC, WAS ALSO A GOOD FRIEND OF HIS!"
VERY INTERESTING! DOES HE RESIDE IN SWITZERLAND?
NO, IN LIECHTENSTEIN! HE HAS A VILLA IN VADUZ, ON THE HILLS!
ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
OH THIS TIME I AM!

MULLER IS LAUNDERING THE ORGANIZATION'S MONEY! KAY K MANAGED TO DISCOVER IT, BUT THEN SHE GOT CAUGHT!
AND GIVEN THAT YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE TURNED SWITZERLAND UPSIDE DOWN WITHOUT FINDING HER, THE SCOUNDRELS MUST HAVE TAKEN HER TO VADUZ!
YOU MEAN THAT CRIMINALS ARE KEEPING MY DAUGHTER PRISONER?!
DON'T BE AFRAID! ME AND DOUBLEDUCK WILL GO SAVE HER!
I'M GOING TOO! IF WE LEAVE NOW, WE'LL BE THERE BEFORE NIGHTFALL!
!
JO, IT WOULD BE BETTER THAT YOU STAY...
CAREFUL, ABEL KONNERY! TODAY IS NOT THE DAY!
YOUR WIFE SCARES ME!
THAT'S NOTHING! YOU SHOULD SEE HER WHEN SHE'S ANGRY!

VADUZ, DECEMBER 21.
DAMN IT'S COLD! CAN'T WAIT TILL THE SHIFT IS OVER SO I CAN HOLE UP IN THE HOUSE!
YOU SAID IT! MY FEET ARE SO NUMB THAT I CAN NO LONGER FEEL THEM!
GREAT MENU TODAY! THERE'S EVEN TWO APPLES...
BOSS'S ORDERS! HE DOESN'T WANT OUR GUEST TO EXPIRE!
CLACK
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TWACK!
MULLER'S ON THE BALL! THANKS TO HIS TRICKS, WE'VE ALREADY "CLEANED" MORE THAN A BILLION!

STILL, KEEP BREATHING DOWN HIS NECK! IF HE DECIDES TO TRY ANYTHING FUNNY...
RELAX, THERE'S NO DANGER!
WE COULD RUIN HIM AND BAUMAN BY JUST LIFTING A FINGER AND THEY BOTH KNOW IT!
YANKO WENT DOWN TO THE CELLAR MORE THAN TEN MINUTES AGO! WHY'S HE NOT BACK?
MUST BE HAVING SOME FUN WITH THE BRUNETTE! MAYBE HE INVITED HIMSELF TO DINNER!
I'LL GO CHECK! YOU NEVER KNOW!
!

ALARM!
BANG
BANG
WIING
ZIP
BANG
CRASH
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU SHOOTING FOR?
THE PRISONER'S ESCAPED!
WITH THUGS CARRYING MACHINE GUNS AND FEROCIOUS DOBERMANS READY TO HUNT HER DOWN, THINGS ARE LOOKING BAD FOR KAY K! READ THE NEXT PART TO FIND OUT IF SHE GETS AWAY!
END OF PART TWO